



the city of Chernomorsk, Odessa region, the diocesan site reported. The culprits damaged a considerable part of the church vessels, broke the sanctuary doors, stole parishioners' donations and strewed all the floors with powder from fire extinguishers.

The Odessa diocesan press service reported that in the same regions on January 9 an attempt was made at provocation when a group of aggressively minded representatives of radical nationalist organizations began gluing over the doors and walls of Orthodox churches with stickers containing disinformation and insults to the clergy of the canonical Church. With the support of parishioners the hooligans were stopped. The faithful took saw in this action an outrage against the paternal faith, committed with special blasphemy in the Christmastide.

According to reports from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church's information and education department, in 2017, 19 cases of defilement and robbery of churches were registered in the country, but none of these crimes has been solved so far and the culprits have not been punished.

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